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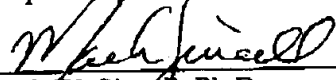
Claims 1-20 and 41-42 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 1 because of an inconsistent term. As indicated above, Applicant has amended claim 1 solely to correct the typographical error. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner's objection to claim 1 be withdrawn.

In the Office Action, claims 1-20 and 41-42 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 21-24 of U.S. Patent No. 6,303,486 to Park. In the interest of expediency, Applicant has included herein a terminal disclaimer and respectfully requests that the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-20 and 41-42 be withdrawn. However, it will be appreciated that the filing of the terminal disclaimer to obviate the Examiner's rejection is not an admission of the propriety of the rejection. *Quad Environmental Technologies Corp. vs. Union Sanitary District*, 946 F.2d 870, 20 USPQ2d 1392 (Fed Cir. 1991). See, e.g., MPEP §804.03.

For the aforementioned reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all claims pending in the present application are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (713) 934-4052 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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